

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain in the application. Claims 14 – 19 have been cancelled as being withdrawn claims, but this does not indicate that applicant has ceased efforts to seek patent protection for the invention of those withdrawn claims. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the hot strength is for the mat. Basis for the amendment is found at page 4, lines 18-23, the last sentences of each of Examples 2 and 3, the Table on page 7 and page 8, lines 6-22.

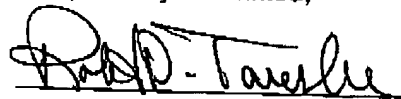
The Examiner is urged to enter this amendment for the following reasons:

1. The rejection was made for the first time in the Final Action.
2. The amendment addresses the only rejection of the claims and therefore should place the claims in condition for allowance.
3. Several claims have been cancelled removing another issue.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant believes the amendments described above respond to the reasons for this rejection and that claims 1-13 are now patentable under 35 USC 112. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection and to allow these claims.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance, but if the Examiner believes one or more issues still exist, to expedite disposal of this application the Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below to discuss the issue or issues and a way of removing.

Respectfully submitted,



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